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Even His Former Admirers Agree That He Is Some Kinds of a Faker.

ALL EXPECTED VERDICT

Recent Developments in North Pole Controversy Shook Public Faith.

News yesterday that Dr. Cook had failed to establish his claim as the discoverer of the North Pole did not create any surprises in Richmond. Indeed, the general opinion here was that he was trying to put through the fake of the age, and that he would have "got by" except for the later return of Commander Peary.

At first the town took Dr. Cook's story in the utmost good faith. Then the people began to grow incredulous. They were puzzled. When they heard about Mr. McKinley the skepticism increased, until even Dr. Taylor, the coroner, was hesitating to believe him. William A. Grenshaw, at first a believer, fell by the wayside, being convinced that the former Brooklyn milkman would be caught. Mr. Grenshaw gave the matter closer study than the average citizen, and he was prepared for the blow.

Many on Record. It is a matter of record that practically all public officials, when interviewed two months ago, gave as their opinion that Dr. Cook was the first to reach the top of the earth. The officials held over themselves in giving him full credit. Few took the Peary end, yet it is a matter of still greater record that while the world has been divided as to the claims of Cook, few have cast doubt upon the clear-cut narrative of Commander Peary.

While promoters and theatrical agents were breaking their necks to engage the explorer as a lecturer, a Richmond man, having a strong thirst for the coin of the realm, got a backer and decided to bring Cook here. He had a little correspondence, but when he was informed that the doc would come for a flat sum, and not on percentage, he almost dropped dead, so great was the figure named.

When Cook lectured at the Academy of Music some years ago he made so many startling and sensational statements about the missionaries that one of the leading ministers declared that he could not believe anything he said. And so when the explorer came back with his thrilling tale from the frozen north, the minister stated that he believed he was faking and that he would not accept his statement, unless it was backed by proof. This he has failed to produce.

Cookites Hard to Find. You couldn't find a Cook man yesterday if you had shoved your way through the multitude of shoppers.

Oh, Mama!

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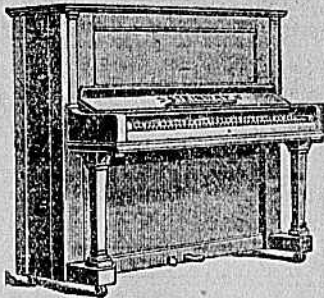
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WELCOME CHRISTMAS GIFTS

WASHINGTON, D. C., December 21.—Christmas gifts in the shape of pardons and commutations of sentence granted by President Taft were announced at the Department of Justice today.

As an incident of the land frauds which sprang up against non-resident owners and carried on by squatters in Southern Georgia, George Charles Clements was convicted of conspiracy and murder committed at Normandy and sentenced early in 1901 to imprisonment for life. President Taft has commuted the sentence to expire immediately.

Pardons were granted to two North Carolina post-office cases; those of John T. Leonard, sentenced to five years' imprisonment for breaking into the office at Dunn, and that of Charlie Williams, sentenced for a like term for a similar offense.

For the purpose of restoring civil rights a pardon has been granted Albert Smith, sentenced a dozen years ago at Paris, Tex., for a brief term of imprisonment for receiving stolen property.

level of the other lectures of the course in point of ability and interest, and the only thing that fastened it in my mind was the laudatory statements of the lecturer concerning the character of the missionaries in Terra del Fuego.

"These statements were obviously false and malicious, and the whole impression made by the man was that of a cheap adventurer. I remember that the gentleman who introduced him said that Dr. Cook had been knighted by the King of Belgium for his distinguished services as an explorer, and introduced him as 'Sir' Frederick Cook. No doubt the lecturer himself furnished this information about his honors and titles.

What Not Believe Him. "When, therefore, this man announced to the world that he had been to the North Pole I immediately expressed my disbelief of his story to a circle of friends.

"What was before I had seen any of the expressions of skepticism with which the papers have been teeming ever since, and, of course, long before Commander Peary's undoubtedly truthful statement had been received. My strong impression is that Cook's story, which in any event is going to net him a great sum of money, is a fake.

"What the guides who accompanied him to Mount McKinley say about his alleged ascent of that peak confirms my impression. Cook says that he went to the top of Mount McKinley. The guides say that he did not; that his story of his ascent was a fake.

In September the minister referred to above sent the following letter to The Times-Dispatch, which he later asked to be held until more direct evidence could be had:

"Some six or eight years ago, when the Lyceum course of lectures was being given in the Academy of Music in Richmond a lecture on 'Antarctic Exploration' was delivered by a man named Cook, whom I take to be the same person who now claims to have discovered the North Pole. That lecture was illustrated with stereoscopic views, and gave an account of an expedition to the frozen South under Belgian auspices. It was far below the

ing men, and one which may lead many of them to read what they otherwise would not—the page of the sporting paper, to see if Jeffries can come back.

"What is the point in this case? Jeffries won the belt, and much more, and then stepped out of the ring to have a good time and enjoy himself. And for five years, like Samson, with his head in the lap of Delilah, Jeffries has slept. While he has slept, a big black gorilla has come into the ring, and has put the world of sport into about the same condition that ancient Israel was in when Goliath of Gath was awagging about and bragging what he could do, in the presence of the crowd that was sore afraid to tackle him.

"And the pugilistic crowd is looking the world over to find some champion who can stand up to the gorilla and down him, and take the belt, which means about the same thing to these modern heathens as the wreath of laurel meant to the ancient heathen in the Corinthian games. And with desperation in their glance they turn to Jeffries with this question, which means far more than a laurel wreath to them—'Can Jeffries come back?'

"The crowd of interested spectators extends far beyond the ropes of the pugilistic ring. Multitudes there are who are staking their all for time and eternity upon the expectation that after they have transgressed the fun-

FRAUD DISCOVERER WARNED OF POISON

Many Threatening Letters Received by Treasury Employee.

NEW YORK, December 21.—Within the last few months the life of Richard Parr, the Treasury employee who discovered the contrivance by which the Sugar Trust defrauded the government of millions of dollars in duty, has been threatened half a dozen times.

The threats continued during the trial of six employees of the trust, five of whom were convicted of conspiracy last week.

Immediately after Parr testified in the case of the checkers he received a letter warning he might be poisoned. Previously he had received letters telling him that if he helped convict the indicted men he would be killed. One letter informed him he would be pushed under an elevated train.

Parr is Told to Beware. The latest threatening missive reached him a week ago last Saturday. It was addressed "Richard Parr, Dep. Surveyor, Customs House, New York," and read:

"New York, December 10, 1909.

"Mr. Parr,—The editor of the Sun died suddenly. Some prominent men in customs died suddenly. You have been taken suddenly ill. Beware of poison. Yours,

This letter was written on a sheet of linen paper. The handwriting was that of a woman of education. The punctuation was correct.

The postmark showed that the letter came from Station G, which is at 221 West Fifty-first Street.

Parr did not regard the letter as of serious importance in itself. Taken in conjunction with others received, it had some weight, however.

Parr Laughs at Threats. "Is it a threat or a warning?" said Parr when he displayed the letter. "I've had a half-a-dozen of them. Some warned me not to go near the docks in Brooklyn or I would be killed. One promised me faithfully I would be thrown down the steps of an elevated station or the subway."

It was learned, however, that some of the threats were serious enough to cause the government prosecutors in charge of the sugar cases to offer Mr. Parr a bodyguard of secret service men. He declined the offer.

No especial significance was attached to the reference to the late editor of the Sun contained in the letter quoted. Mr. Laffan died at his home in Lawrence, L. I., November 19, of appendicitis, after an operation.

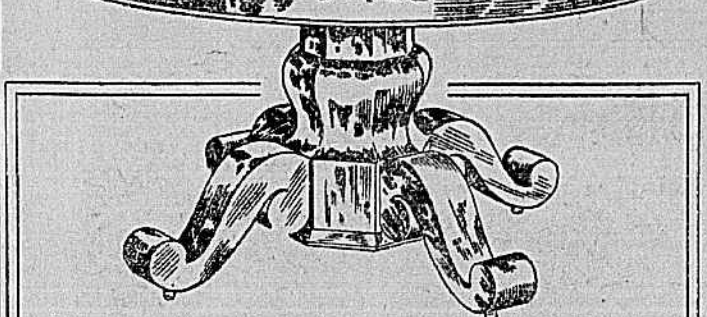
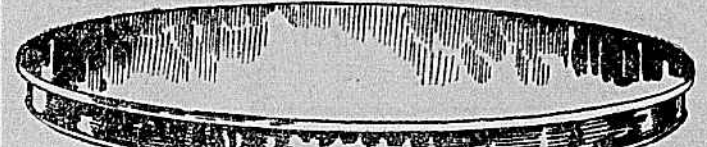
His paper had published a great deal about the sugar frauds. To establish a connection between his illness and the sugar cases is impossible.

SERMON ON JEFF'S CHANCES IN FIGHT

NEW YORK, December 21.—The sermon preached last Sunday night by the Rev. John Hamilton Timbrell, in the Cedar Cliff (N. Y.) M. E. Church, entitled, "Can Jeffries Come Back?" has caused much lively discussion. The preacher took his text from the Book of Judges, and after describing as pathetic and humiliating the downfall of Samson, he said it pointed a moral to the case of Jeffries.

"Can the old champion come back?" the preacher asked, and then he said:

"This question so far as its sporting phase is concerned may have little or no interest to us, save as it touches a great fundamental principle that is of the most profound interest to all think-



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